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1. DCM SPOKE WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ABDULLAH MAZRU'I, AT 11:30 A.M. ABU DHABI TIME (REFTEL NOT RECEIVED UNTIL 9:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME AND MAZRU'I INITIALLY OUT OF OFFICE). DCM OUTLINED SITUATION IN GENEVA AS PER REFTEL AND URGED THAT UAE DELEGATION BE INSTRUCTED SUPPORT CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S RULING ON REQUIREMENT FOR TWO-THIRDS VOTE. MAZRU'I RESPONDED THAT HE HAD BRIEFED MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAAIRS, SAIF GHOBASH, AS PROMISED (ABU DHABI 247) AND WOULD TRY CONTACT HIM AGAIN (GHOBASH NOW IN CAIRO FOR ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING AND FONMIN SUWAIDI ALSO STILL OUT OF COUNTRY). BEYOND THIS MAZRU'I MADE NO COMMITMENT.

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2. COMMENT: AS INDICATED, MAZRU'I IS NOW RANKING

MEMBER OF MFA IN COUNTRY AND IT OUR JUDGEMENT THAT GOING BEYOND PHONE CALL TO HIM ON THIS ISSUE AFTER EARLIER APPROACHES WOULD HAVE BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AS FOR PROSPECTS OF UAEG DELEGATION ABANDONING PREVIOUS POSITION OF ABSTENTION, WE CONSIDER THEM TO BE NIL. IN PRESENT INSTANCE NOT ONLY DO PREVIOUSLY CITED POLICY ISSUES CONTINUE TO PREVAIL, BUT THERE IS VIRTUALLY PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF MAZRU'I, IN TIME AVAILABLE, OBTAINING AUTHORITY FROM ABRAOD TO REVERSE ESTABLISHED POSITION AND THEN NOTIFYING UAE DELEGATION IN GENEVA.

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